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A Glance Back - New Officers Take Over For A Look Ahead... Year 1953

By and large, 1952 was a good year, although filled with paradox. It was a year of uncertainty, and of purpose; of fear, and of high courage; of scarcity, and of plenty. There was uncertainty because of the national election--and many other things--yet when the time for decision came there was a purpose and determination running deep and strong. The fear of

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It's A Texas Fact!

That East Texas frog farmer who refused to sell the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel 50 lbs. of frog-legs on their hurry-up order for Winston Churchill's benefit was not being snooty--just business-like. He turned down the order because he would have had to throw away the other frog leg!

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NOTE: It was mere coincidence that the BURLINGTON LIAR'S CLUB named a neighbor National Champion Liar for 1952. We haven't qualified since joining in 1935 (Oops! That pays our dues for 1953!)

At the January meeting of the USDA Club held in the FHA Area Finance conference room, outgoing officers turned over the orders of their office to the new officers, directors, and committee chairmen who will pilot the Club through 1953. The report from Virginia L. Johns, treasurer, showed that the Club spent \$710.49, took in \$573.54, and have a balance of \$70.79. The Award of Merit Certificate was presented to Jimmy Hyles by John Bolish, retiring President, who also expressed his pleasure at the cooperation given him by all officers and committeemen during 1952, and his appreciation for the high honor of serving as President. He then turned the meeting over to Howard Martin, the new President, who

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C. M. Evans Honored By State Fair.

C.M. (Si) Evans, a former USDA Club President, has received a Certificate of Merit from the State Fair of Texas for unusual service on its Livestock and Dairy Committee. Si has served on this committee for several years and was instrumental in helping to get and stage the Pan American Holstein cattle show for 1952, and the National Turkey Federation convention and show held recently.

Si's 27 years in the Department has been a colorful record of service. He started the Extension Service in 1910 at Texas A&M. He has worked as agriculture editor for the Times Herald, opened their KRLD radio station as program director, was agricultural agent for the T&P Railway Co., Regional Director for Farm Security, went with PMA's Dairy & Poultry Branch at its inception, and is now serving as administrative officer with their Federal Milk Marketing Administration. A thoroughly likable, capable personality, that's C.M. "Si" Evans!

Poster Of USDA Club Officers & Committee Members For 1953

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A Glance Back...(From page 1)

broadening the Korean war stayed our hand from going all out but there was no sign of appeasement evident anywhere, and high courage hardened our resolve to see it through at any cost. New weapons were tested and others more hush-hush past the blueprint stage. Consumer goods, at year's start faced a bleak outlook with steel shortages, stepped up military and foreign aid commitments but despite this drain and strain our productive capacity was nearing a new high at year's end. The paradox continued into the realm of Agriculture. Too much rain then too little; surplus in pork, scarcity in beef; a plentitude of citrus fruits, near-empty livestock feed bins.

But overall, the farmer was doing his usual good job—The USDA was at his elbow to see to that—as usual. The year ahead? A leveling off but no recession seemed in prospect. Any change, gradual, possibly shifting a bit to the right. An estimated turnover of half a million federal employees pointed up the need of a strengthened Merit system to attract and hold the best type of worker. Agriculture Departmental employees looked forward with confidence to new goals, new accomplishments, in the year ahead.

Simplified Layoff Procedure In Effect Feb. 15

The U.S. Civil Service Commission announces that simplified layoff procedures for use by all government agencies will become effective February 15, and will affect all reduction-in-force notices issued to employees on or after that date.

The new procedures—which may be applied earlier with the approval of the agency head—reduce the present number of RIF categories from 23 to 6 and eliminate reassignment or "bumping" rights of indefinite appointees.

There will be only three major layoff groups as a result of the new procedures: CAREER, CAREER-CONDITIONAL, and INDEFINITE. The old alphabetic codes are eliminated.

CAREER includes permanent employees in the competitive service who have completed probation and who are not "temporary" or "indefinite" as the result of promotion, transfer, or reinstatement. Career employees serving under conditional promotion will be considered in this group with respect to jobs at and below the grade in which they last served on a permanent basis. This group also includes employees appointed to jobs outside the competitive service with no conditions or restrictions.

CAREER-CONDITIONAL, in the competitive service, includes Career employees who are conditional because they are serving probational periods, or are "temporary" or "indefinite" as the result of promotion, transfer, or reinstatement, or are subject to a similar limitation. In excepted position this group includes employees who are conditional solely as the result of promotion or reinstatement.

INDEFINITE includes persons serving under non-status, non-temporary appointments in the competitive service and employees in excepted jobs serving under any conditions or limitation other than a conditional promotion or reinstatement or a specific time limitation of a year or less.

In each of these three groups persons entitled to veterans preference are in subgroup "A" and others in subgroup "B" to indicate superior retention rights of veteran preference employees.

Lelda Ben Reddick Honored

Miss Lelda Ben Reddick, employed in the Texas state office of the Farmers Home Administration, has just been installed as the new president of the Dallas Toastmistress Club. The installation ceremonies were held at a dinner meeting at the First Methodist Church. Lelda Ben has a wide circle of friends in USDA and everyone who knows her likes her. They know that the Toastmistress Club is in good hands for 1953.

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AS WE GO TO PRESS THE CORRELATION & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE IS INCOMPLETE. Ozelle Waller is chairman, and Helen Quisenberry the only member we have received.

Attention! Help Wanted!

NEW OFFICERS TAKE OVER... (Cont'd from page 1)

Wendell Pickering, chairman of the Work of the Department Committee URGES you to send him your nominations for "MEMBER OF THE MONTH" Pick out someone who did:-

1. Outstanding Work Or Service directly for, or on behalf of, the USDA Club.
2. Outstanding Work Or Service performed for the Department of Agriculture OUTSIDE and ABOVE the requirements of his particular job, OR, Community Service performed which reflects favorably upon the Department of Agriculture.

The Committee does not think anyone should be nominated for doing a fine job as he is paid to do that. But if he does not measure up to the requirements of his regular job even though he fits all the other requirements, it is felt that he shouldn't receive the award. This is understandable, since such selection would cheapen the honor award, as well as bring some criticism--even ridicule--on his selection.

GET BUSY, FOLKS, AND KEEP "PICK" BUSY! Let's have a Member-of-the-Month EVERY month!

expressed his desire to make the coming year as successful as 1952. He outlined several things he plans for USDA members and as committees work them out each member will be told about them. It was decided that future meetings of the Board and committee chairmen will be held at FHA Area Finance Office. The Board, at the President's suggestion, voted to have the Correlation & Public Service Committee "questionnaire" USDA members on their preferences as a guide for the editor of the USDA News for future issues. There was a large turnout for the "inauguration" meeting, among others Thurston A. Blakeley taking time out from his USDA job to drop in from Oklahoma City. To the outgoing officers and committee USDA News says "WELL DONE!" To Mr. Martin and his "Cabinet", "WELCOME!"

PLENTIFUL FOODS For January-February are Cabbages, raisins, citrus fruits, carrots, lettuce, dried figs, and nuts. Peanuts, peanut butter, eggs, frozen fish, baby limas, and milk products.